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Total Poisonings and Opioid Poisoning Overdose Deaths, MA Residents, 2000-2012

		Opioid Poisoning/Overdose Deaths		
Year of Death	Total Poisoning Deaths	Deaths by Unintentional/ Undetermined Intent ¹	Deaths by Other Intent ²	Total Opioid Poisonings Death
2000	586	338	25	363
2001	716	468	19	487
2002	690	429	20	449
2003	836	549	25	574
2004	734	456	19	475
2005	802	525	19	544
2006	989	615	22	637
2007	965	614	23	637
2008	867	561	33	594
2009	941	599	28	627
2010	839	526	29	555
2011	965	603	39	642
2012	963	668	43	711

¹ Opioid overdoses of unintentional/undetermined intents are combined to account for a change in death coding that occurred in 2005.

Source: Registry of Vital Records and Statistics, MDPH

² Includes opioid poisonings by suicide and other intents.